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1. Romania Libera newspaper is an official organ of the Rumanian Government. This newspaper is published in Bucharest and has a circulation of about 90,000.
2. Other newspapers which are printed at the Romania Libera offices are as follows:
 - a. Adevarul, published in the Rumanian language with an estimated circulation of 100,000.
 - b. A newspaper published in the Rumanian language and circulated among the Jewish residents of Bucharest.
 - c. Official Economic Bulletin, which contains statistical data, price indices, and other economic information on the various notions of the world. The circulation of this publication is restricted to Government officials, industrial leaders, and highly trusted persons.
 - d. Translations of numerous works from the Russian of such authors as Lenin, Gorky and Stalin.
3. The departmental breakdown of the publishing house follows, in general, that found in American publishing firms. Informant enumerated the following departments, or sections:
 - a. Reportorial and Editorial Departments.
 - b. Typographical Department
 1. Linotype Section
 2. Compositors
 3. Stereotype Section
 - c. Press Room (Cylindrical presses for newspapers).
 - d. Printing Press (Book publication).
 - e. Machine Repair Shop.
 - f. Power Plant.

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4. An article approved by the editorial department of a newspaper for publication is set up in type (monotype or linotype). A proof is submitted to the Censorship Office. Informant stated that there were several in the city and that they were constantly shifting the offices. If the proof, upon being read by a Censor, was approved, it would be stamped. The material was then scrutinized once more after the page layout was ready.
5. In the case of translations of Russian works, it is the original, typed or handwritten, copy that must be submitted to the Censor. Each page, upon being checked for accuracy in translation, is stamped accordingly.
6. Machinery of the plant was quite inferior. Among the better equipment were German-made and American-made linotype machines, which he estimated were between 15 and 18 years old. Most of the machinery is Soviet made, however, and of inferior quality. Operation was faulty and adjustments were required frequently. Furthermore, the matrix forms used in the linotype machines did not last very long and had to be changed every few months.

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